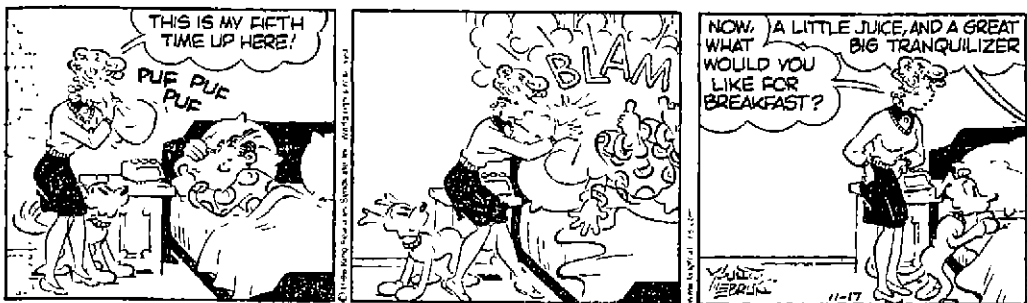


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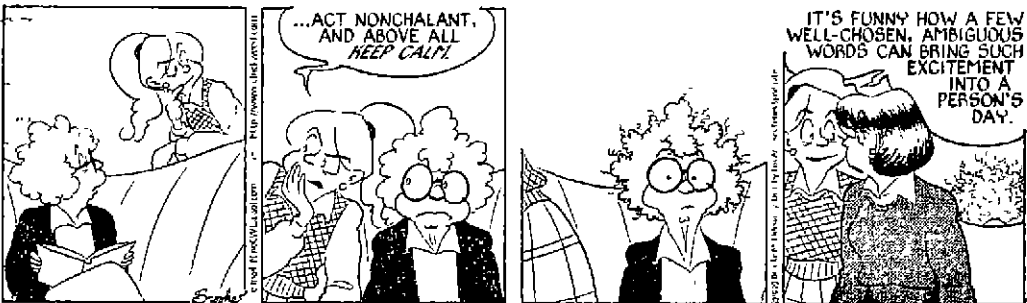
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CHICKWEED LANE



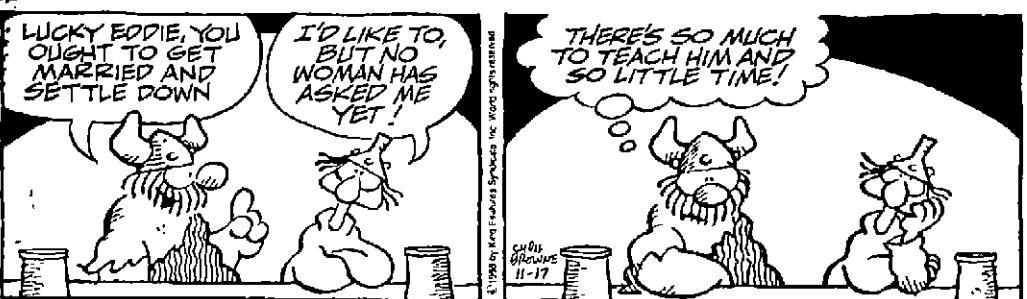
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



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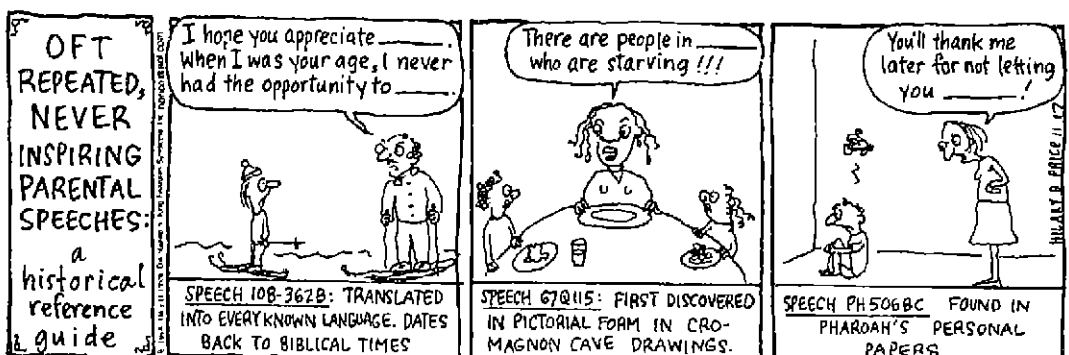
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



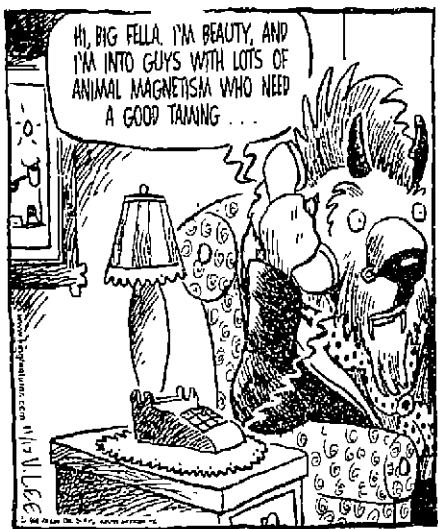
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Olympian-turned-politician Bob Mathias is 88
Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 60.
Movie director Martin Scorsese is 56.
Actress Lauren Hutton is 54.
Actor-director Danny DeVito is 54.
Baseball Hall of Famer Tom Seaver is 54.
Rhythm-and-blues musician Jeff Allen (Mint Condition) is 30.
Actor Brandon Call is 22.
Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 18.
Actor Justin Cooper is 10.

I NEED HELP



The 1-900 number of the Beast.

SCRABBLE

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Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merram-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). Judd's Solution Tomorrow

PAR SCORE 155-165 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) While you have lots of physical energy, you need to resist the energy to waste it on the wrong activities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Adopting a risqué attitude makes you the life of the party.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist the temptation to squirm should you become the unwilling object of an investigation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need the help of a friend to confront difficult issues, but the results are well worth it.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Let your focus be on healing divisions, rather than creating them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Once you find your voice, others will wonder what has kept you silent so long.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) That irritating co-worker is a whole lot easier to deal with once you've had a short break.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Should you be feeling in a rut, start fantasizing about a more glamorous future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A mystery is finally solved by a most unexpected source.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You notice significant connections that previously seemed unimportant. Share your newfound wisdom with a confused friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Resist the urge to over-spend before you actually have that check in the mail.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Make the most of the extremely altruistic mood that has come upon you.

WORD SLEUTH

Things on top

E Y V S P M J Z P H E B Y V T
Q O L I G D B Y E W T R P M K
I F D B Y W U L N N W S Q O M
K I F D B Z C X T W I U S Q G
O N L J K A M H H F G T D C N
A Y W V N A T S O Q N I H P I
N D L N E W E K U I I M F H T
F E I R C B O P S Z P M O Y S
W P C L V U S R E E P U O T O
R Q P N T S E R C H O S R A R
M L J I H F A N N E T N A H F

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: ON TOP OF A CAKE

Antenna Hat Roof Toupee
Cream Lid Summit Wig
Crest Penhouse The peak Zenith
Crown Pinnacle Topping

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

The losing South ruffed the third club and cashed the ace and king of trumps. When trumps didn't split 2-2, he cashed dummy's queen and led a spade to his jack, losing to West's queen. West shifted to diamonds, and South's second finesse failed, giving the defenders a 100-point penalty. The successful declarer took the diamond finesse before committing himself in spades. After ruffing the third club and cashing the ace and king of trumps, instead of cashing dummy's queen he drew East's last trump with his jack. Then he led his diamond 10, losing a finesse to East's king. East exited in diamonds to South's queen, but South had all the information he needed. East had shown the A-K-J of clubs and the diamond king. After an original pass, surely he couldn't also hold the spade queen. Rejecting a routine finesse, South led his spade jack, covered by West's queen and dummy's ace. On the way back he finessed against East's spade 10, giving him his 10 tricks. Why take the diamond finesse before the spade finesse? In diamonds there is only one way to finesse. In spades, South's nine provides a chance if South discovers that East cannot hold the queen.

NORTH 11 17 A
• A 7 5
• K Q 10 8
• A J 7
• Q 6 2

WEST 8 2 2
• Q 8 2
• 8 6 4 2
• 10 9 8 5 4

EAST 10 6 4 3
• 5 3 2
• K 5 3
• A K J

SOUTH K 9
• A J 7 6
• Q 10 9
• 7 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

The bidding
East Pass South Pass West Pass North INT 4
Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Club 10

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ACROSS

1 Supreme Diana
6 Distiller Walker
10 Shade of blue
14 1975 Wimbledon winner
15 Solo
16 Plunks (down)
17 Summer resort off the coast of Massachusetts
18 Bring in
20 Elixirs
21 Savors
23 Ward of "Sisters"
25 D'Amato and others
26 The "S" of R.S.V.P.
29 Elvis's home

33 "At Seventeen" singer Janis
36 Hut material
38 Two socks
39 On a single occasion
40 Scented pouches
43 Quaker's "you"
44 Mime extracts
45 Balance sheet item
46 Make soaking wet
47 Sound systems
49 60's radicals' Abbr.
50 Surgery sites, for short
52 Jugglery
54 Make king
56 Regal headwear
63 Henry

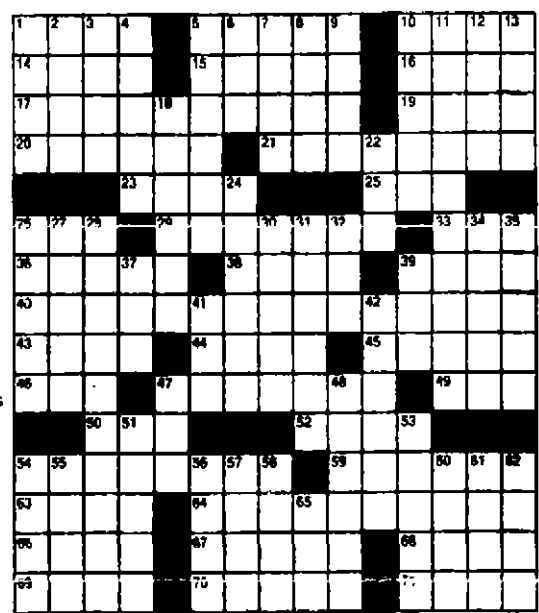
64 1984 Prince hit
66 Have good authority
67 Cream
68 Book after 11 Chronicles
69 Late-night regular
70 Athletic shoe feature
71 Hard to fathom

DOWN

1 Undivided
2 Norse capital
3 Blackball
4 Common carriers
5 Pain in the neck
6 Hurting
7 Wander
8 Author Rice
9 Club (resorts)
10 Blooming time
11 Furry feeling
12 Neighbor of 27-Down
13 Nile creatures
14 Old-time deliverers
22 Carrier to Stockholm
24 Current name
25 Smelling
27 The Oregon Trail crossed it
28 Aphrodisiac
30 Cutter
31 Many a snake
32 Recipient of annual contributions

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LAZY MARSH FLOP
OLEO ANITA LIVE
TINKERTOYS OMEN
STOOLIE TUTORS
OLE ADVISE
GINA BLY EASEL
LENO TAILORMADE
ANA HOBBITS MIA
SOLDIERANT COCK
SALEM ABE CHAT
JOURN HUN
SHRIMP AAMILWE
MATH SPYGLASSES
ONCE ELUOT TASS
ODES TONGUE OTTO



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Oroski

34 Didn't dillydally
35 Hatching places
37 Spell-off
38 Sounds of surprise
41 Precise moment
42 "A Chorus Line" girl
47 Ukr., once
48 Means of release
51 Safari sight
52 Dog (well-worn)

54 Fiendish
55 Evening, in adpeak
56 Intl. acronym since 1960
57 Not valid
58 Toledo's lake

60 Brrng the house down
61 Billion follower
62 Ginger cookie
63 Org. looking after kids

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